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### MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING

MAY 14, 2001

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#### **OPEN SESSION**

Commissioner Hensley called the meeting of May 14, 2001 to order at 9:30 am.

Commissioners present: Arlo E. Smith, J.K. Sasaki, Michael C. Palmer and John E. Hensley.

Staff present: Robert Traverso (Interim Executive Secretary),

Cy Rikards (Legal Counsel loaned by the Attorney General's Office).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### **Discussion Item 1. Status Report on Approval Process for Cardroom Licenses, Work Permits, and Findings of Suitability.**

Robert Traverso indicated no staff report was available at this time. Discussions would be rescheduled to the May 30th meeting.

#### **Discussion Item 2. Discussion on Correspondence Regarding the Anniversary of the May 15, 2001 Gaming Device Allocation.**

Robert Traverso indicated this was an informational item with no need for action. Chairman Hensley inquired if any members of the public would like to comment on this item. There was no public comment.

#### **Discussion Item 3. Discussion of SB 832 (Polanco).**

Robert Traverso indicated this bill has been amended since the May 2, 2001 Commission meeting. He suggested staff be instructed to work with the bill's author to delay the January 2002 effective date for the development of the regulations called for in the bill. Commissioner Hensley indicated this was a 2-year bill and the

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latest amendments included the development of statewide regulations by the Commission in conjunction with the industry. He requested that Traverso discuss with Senator Polanco delaying the date six to twelve months by when the CGCC would have to draw up the regulations, and indicated that the Commission would delay taking any formal position until this was done. There was public comment concerning SB 832:

- Kevin Beers—opposes SB 832. He indicated problem areas included sending money out of state, having the Commission determine “manner” of playing, and the bill does not address the potential for duplication of regulations.
- Gregg Cook—opposes SB 832. He does not oppose regulations but does oppose regulations that are not targeted. He wants to see a thoughtful approach to this bill and suggest establishing workshops and also talking to law enforcement to get input and decide what regulations are needed.
- Sandy Johnson—requested the Commission work with the industry.
- Deborah Harmon—supported SB 832 because it would bring uniformity and consistency to bingo. She urged the Commission not to delay action.

Commissioner Hensley indicated the Commission would work to develop regulations with the industry if this bill is approved.

**Discussion Item 4. Commissioners’ Comments**

There were no comments.

**Discussion Item 5. Public Comment**

- Quinn Mayer—asked how small business can protect themselves against sovereign nations when they do not pay for services received. He is having a problem with the Pala Band in obtaining payment and asked if there was any mechanism available to protect small businesses. Would this be considered when licensing? He was to contact Robert Traverso to discuss further.
- Bobby Baird representing Viejas Casino—indicated he had submitted a written letter about the proposed bar-code system.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

Commissioner Smith recommended approval and Commissioner Sasaki seconded approval of staff’s recommendations of Item 3 of the Consent Calendar concerning the granting of work permits and license renewals. Item 3 of the consent calendar approved unanimously.

Commissioner Sasaki recommended approval and Commissioner Smith seconded staff’s recommendations concerning Items 1 and 2 of the Consent Calendar. The Consent Calendar items 1 & 2 were approved unanimously.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Hensley announced that the Commission would be going into closed session to discuss litigation and personnel issues. He also indicated that the next meeting may be scheduled for May 30, 2001. At 10:00 am, the Commission adjourned to closed session after Legal Counsel, Cy Rikards indicated discussions concerning litigation would take place under Government

Code Section 11126(c) and 11126(e), and personnel issues under Government Code Section 11126(a)(1).

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

Commissioner Hensley reconvened the open session at 12:05 pm. He indicated that there was nothing to report. Commissioner Smith moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Sasaki seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.